Douglas S. Smith, Master Model Railroader #1 and 1st Achievement Awards Program Chairman

NORTHEASTERN—Douglas (Doug) Smith, printing salesman. Member since 1955. HO, 9 x 19 in basement, interested in scratch building and operation. "I enjoy testing my ability at engineering, art, electricity and all other allied subjects when the spirit moves me."

Smith remembered 1999

The **Northeast Region** is mourning the passing of one of its own, Life Member and Past President **Douglas S. Smith** died May 24th, he was 81. NER President **Glenn Glasstetter** announced the sad news in his September NER Coupler column. Doug was a noted modeler, photographer and author. He was a pioneer in the card-order method of model railroad operation. Doug's modeling even gained fame beyond the model railroad press. A photo-story on his Brook Valley Railroad once appeared in the Saturday Evening Post.

But perhaps his most memorable contribution to the hobby was the creation of the guidelines that formed the basis of the NMRA Achievement Program. In fact, Doug was the first to show the worth of the AP. He was Master Model Railroader #1. I'm sure we all join the NER in extending our condolences to Doug's family and friends. He will be missed.